

LONDON NEWS AND GOSSIP

London, Dec. 19.—"Who is Miss Smith?" is a Parisian mystery with a London setting—indeed, a continental environment—which has drawn the interest of a half dozen of the great capitals to its dramatic unfoldings. So far, the developments have led only toward more impenetrable depths of plot and action, and the authorities are more and more "in the air" at each succeeding turn. But as detective patience and sagacity are only whetted by the fact that the task takes in a more difficult aspect from day to day, in the end the amazing person now known as plain Miss Smith will doubtless find herself unmasked.

It is the story of a matrimonial agency—of a Mme. Guerin and her train of heiresses and dupes. One of the latter was Dr. Paul Hebert, a London physician. Becoming engaged, through the good offices of Mme. Guerin, to the mysterious Miss Smith, Dr. Hebert was lured to a villa in the vicinity of Paris and treacherously shot by M. Cesbron, who was Mme. Guerin's supposed husband. Dr. Hebert was not dead, as the assassin thought, and he made his way back to Paris and the police. M. Cesbron disappeared, but Mme. Guerin was arrested. She related that both Hebert and Cesbron were in love with Miss Smith, and that the shooting at the villa was due to jealousy. Dr. Hebert received many letters from Miss Smith, all of them couched in the most affectionate language. M. Sudro, who was taken to London and introduced to Miss Smith, was told she was the unacknowledged daughter of a duke with a half million pounds in the Bank of England. He, too, has letters from her breathing passionate devotion. Other young fools who advertised to marry heiresses have turned over similar love epistles to the police. These letters now turn out to be in the handwriting of Mme. Guerin, slightly disguised. None of these match makings with Miss Smith as a principal ever reached the matrimonial stage, but Mme. Guerin herself has had nine definitely known husbands with whom she went through a form of marriage of some kind, and each of whom she plucked handsomely. One of them, a wealthy Paris corn merchant, strangely disappeared one day, and he is being sought almost as eagerly as Miss Smith. A remarkable story is told of Mme. Guerin's relations with the missing man.

A theory that Mme. Guerin and Miss Smith were identical was promptly exploded by the testimony of the dupes of both. Mme. Guerin is unmistakably short and rotund, besides being middle-aged Miss Smith, on the other hand, is described as a "ravishing beauty," though the several lovers men who have seen her in the flesh were apparently blinded by her charms. At all events, they give the police a faulful rather than a natural

description of the lady. "Bewitching smiles," "rosy lips," "black eyes that scintillate like diamonds," "raven black hair"—these are all very well in the pages of a modern "yellow back," but they do not assist the puzzled police in the investigation any more than the impenetrativeness of the lady's name—plain Miss Smith. The only real clue is a photograph of a handsome girl found in Mme. Guerin's apartment, which she admitted was that of M. Sudro's pride. The photograph was taken in London. From this the police are led to believe that the lady is an actress specially engaged to play the leading role in the matrimonial comedy. There is some ground also for the belief that the lady may be the Paris music hall star who recently married the nephew of the president of the Belgian senate under the name of the daughter of the president of a South American republic. Theories and clues aside, all must admit that Mme. Guerin and Miss Smith present a rare combination of brains and beauty.

Sir William Thelvar, the new lord mayor, who had already ingratiated himself with youthful London when, as "the children's alderman," he did wonders in making the dingy city more habitable for them in many little ways, has now quickly won the good opinion of the grown-ups by declaring for ten-minute speeches at banquets and more public functions. It was at the Savage Club dinner, with Dr. Nansen as toastmaster, that Sir William declared his secession from the thrall of endless and prosaic oratory. In a brief and breezy speech, the lord mayor gave a hint of his policy in the matter of official addresses. "I shall give you a sentence," he said, "which I propose to inscribe in letters of gold over the entrance to the Guildhall and in the Egyptian hall at the Mansion house. It is this: 'Nobody likes long speeches except those who make them.' That tablet may be taken down some day, no doubt, but not while I am there. Already I have begun to hate the man who proposes the inevitable, toast to the corporation of London, and I am glad that the Savage Club has existed for 700 years and yet has no rights, privileges, and traditions to talk about."

Sir William Thelvar consumed the remaining time of his ten minutes in telling a delightful story about himself. "I had been dining at the Fishmongers' Hall," he said, "and I had to catch a train at London Bridge afterwards. Unfortunately, I missed the train, and I complained to the cabman that he had not driven fast enough. 'It ain't my fault, sir,' said cabbie; 'it's that silly old fool of a lord mayor that has stopped fast driving.'"

Open the bowels—DeWitt's Little Early Risers are recommended and sold by R. R. Bellamy.

A NEW YEAR DINNER.

BY CORNELIA C. BEDFORD.

The favorite roast for Thanksgiving and Christmas is without doubt a turkey, but for New Year more geese are sold than for any other one American holiday. With this as a central dish the following menu will be found sufficiently varied for a small dinner company.

Consomme with Puff Balls
Celery Pin Olas Salted Nuts
Timbales of Fish Sauce Allemande
Potato Balls
Roast Goose, Onion, Potato Stuffing
Apple Sauce Peas
Sweetbread Salad in Jelly Ring
Saltines Bismarck Cheese
Frozen Orange Sponge
Fancy Cakes Bon Bons
Coffee

The consomme requires one pound and a half of lean beef and veal and two ounces of ham, cut separately and quite fine. Slowly fry the ham and one third of the beef in one tablespoonful of butter or sweet dripping until well colored. Add three quarts of cold water and the remainder of the meat, let soak off the fire for an hour then put over and heat slowly. Simmer and skim until no more scum rises then draw aside where it will barely simmer and keep at an even heat for four hours. Add a half cupful each of chopped carrot and onion which has been fried pale brown in a spoonful of butter, one stalk of celery minced, one small bay leaf, three cloves, six peppercorns, a tiny bit of mace, a sprig of parsley, one of thyme and a half tablespoonful of salt. Simmer one hour and a half longer, strain and set away. Next day add salt and remove all fat, add salt and pepper to taste, the whites of two eggs beaten to a soft froth and the crushed shells. Stir until boiling then simmer undisturbed for ten minutes. Strain carefully through two thicknesses of wetted cheesecloth and it is ready to reheat and serve.

Beat the yolk of one egg with a scant teaspoonful of cold water, add a pinch of salt and flour to make a very firm dough. Roll out as thin as paper. Let stand on the board fifteen minutes, double it over and stamp out the two thicknesses together in tiny rounds with a thimble. Just before the meal hour have ready a small sauce pan containing smoking hot fat an inch or more in depth. Drop in a half dozen of the circles at a time. They will quickly rise, swell and color a pale brown. Skim out on soft paper. Drop three in each plate of consomme.

For eight persons wash a pound and a half of cod or halibut, place it in a saucepan with one teaspoonful of salt, a dozen peppercorns, half of a bay leaf, a slice of onion and boiling water to cover and simmer gently until the flesh draws away from the bones. Drain, remove skin and bones and pass through the food chopper twice then pound to a pulp. Add salt and cayenne to taste, a half teaspoonful of

lemon juice, two tablespoonfuls of thick sweet cream and the whites of four eggs whipped to a stiff froth. Mix lightly but thoroughly. Decorate the bottoms of small buttered molds with bits of canned or fresh red peppers, fill with the mixture. Stand in a pan partly filled with boiling water, place in a moderate oven, cover and cook slowly until the center feel firm when lightly pressed; this will take about twenty minutes. Serve with a sauce made with two tablespoonfuls each of butter and flour, one cupful of veal stock, one cupful and a half of thin cream, salt and white pepper to taste. When taken from the fire add the yolks of two eggs beaten with two tablespoonfuls of cream and one tablespoonful of chopped parsley.

The potato balls for this course are shaped raw, boiled until barely tender, drained, placed in a saucepan at the side of the fire and melted butter, a little at a time, poured over them until they have absorbed about three tablespoonfuls. They must be shaken gently every few minutes.

The first step in the preparation of a goose is to scrub the skin thoroughly with hot water and ivory soap, then rinse well with cold water; this removes much of the rank oily taste. It is then to be cleaned in the same way as a turkey (which has been described several times recently). Chop fine two large onions and sauté slowly in a large spoonful of butter until soft but not colored. Mix this with three cupfuls of hot, seasoned mashed potato and fill the goose with the mixture, putting it in very lightly. Truss and roast in the same manner as a turkey, basting ever fifteen minutes. With it serve a well flavored apple sauce.

Make a tomato jelly with one pint of the liquid drained from canned tomatoes, one third of a package of granulated gelatine soaked in a quarter cupful of cold water, a teaspoonful of onion juice, two cloves, a bay leaf, salt and pepper to taste and two tablespoonfuls of lemon juice. Boil the liquor and seasonings ten minutes, add the soaked gelatine, strain, add the lemon juice and pour in a wetted ring mold. When firm turn out, fill with a salad made with diced sweetbread, mixed with an equal quantity of cut celery and a good mayonnaise and decorate with celery tips.

Early in the day soak one quarter of a package of granulated gelatine in four tablespoonfuls of cold water. Dissolve one cupful of sugar in one quarter of a cupful of hot water; when boiling add the gelatine, stir until dissolved, strain and stand in a pan of ice water. When beginning to thicken add the juice of one lemon, one cupful of orange juice and beat until frothy. Add the stiffly whipped whites of four eggs and continue to beat until stiff and spongy. Turn into a mold with tightly fitting cover and bury in a mixture of ice and salt for four hours before serving.

HOLD UP ON S. A. L. TRAIN

Robbers Reported to Have Secured a Large Sum.

Body of Engineer Maxwell Brought to Raleigh—Counties That Borrowed Money From State to Build Schoolhouses Notified That Payment Will Soon Be Due—Charter Granted Greensboro Company—The Corporation Commission Investigating the Christmas Day Wreck on S. A. L.

Messenger Bureau.

Raleigh, N. C., December 31.

By a head-on collision at Peachland, Engineer David Maxwell was killed yesterday and his body brought here this morning and at the undertakers was seen by many of his comrades. So natural was the expression that it is really difficult to believe the handsome fellow, a magnificent specimen of a man is dead. His home was Wall-halla, S. C., and his age was 37. The man who had for 10 years called him at the office here said he had never known him to say a cross word or use an oath and everybody was fond of him. Two years ago he married Miss Meacham, of Raleigh. Her father early this year was killed by a train in the yards of the Johnson street station of the Seaboard Air Line here. Mr. Maxwell was an Elk and member of the order made the body at the railway station and had charge of the funeral. Engineer Maxwell's fireman was Joe Phifer, whose home is Charlotte, but whose wife was here. It was stated that Phifer's collar bone and arm were broken and his head injured and that he had been taken to the hospital at Charlotte. The accident occurred at a point where there was a heavy grade. The freight train could not make the grade and so was split and the first part was taken to the siding at Peachland, the engineer intending to go back after the second part of the train, but the flagging, it is claimed, was not properly done in front and behind, and so the fast mail crashed into the freight.

Most of the talk here today was about a hold-up on the Seaboard Air Line at LaCrosse, just over in Virginia, between Norfolk and Petersburg. Mike Tighe was the engineer of the train which was coming this way. It is stated that at some point at Petersburg or this side three men got aboard the train, two secreted themselves, the third entering the Pullman and finding the porter asked for the conductor. When the latter came the man drew a revolver and held up the conductor, who was not prompt enough in obeying orders and who was shot in the arm. The man made the porter lock the doors and then went through the Pullman being aided by his two companions and doing the work very rapidly. From one man a diamond ring for which he said he would not have taken a thousand dollars was taken. All sorts of stories were current as to the amount secured by the men, \$18,000 having been named by several as the figure. The men did not go in any other cars except the Pullman and when they had finished their work pulled the bell cord and got off as the train stopped. It is said that a carriage or some other kind of vehicle was ready for them and that they drove rapidly away. It was not until some minutes after they had departed that the people knew of what had happened.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joyner sent notice to the county superintendents of public schools in those counties which have borrowed money from the loan fund for building school houses that on February 10th a payment will be due. The total sum thus due is \$30,578. Payments are to be made by check payable to the state treasurer, but sent through the office of the state superintendent. Every cent of the previous installments on these loans has been paid promptly by every county, and the state superintendent greatly desires that this splendid record shall be maintained.

It is learned that the New York Life Insurance Company, which under the New York law, is only allowed to write one hundred and fifty millions of new business in a year has this year done new business amounting to one hundred and sixty-five million.

Governor Glenn returned this morning from Asheville where he delivered an address Sunday.

A charter is granted the Southern Freight Claim and Collection Bureau, Inc., of Greensboro, George E. Phoenix and others stockholders, capital stock \$10,000, to collect accounts, trace freight, give information as to freight rates, etc.

State Treasurer Lacy and State Auditor Dixon have returned from their hunting trip to Cartaret Lodge, near Newport. Dr. Dixon says they had a great time, but had fisherman's luck. Friday six deer were jumped by the dogs in front of them and Saturday the same number, but there were not men enough to occupy all the "stands" and so the deer passed by without being seen except in one case. E. B. Arendell, who was of the party, was put in a boat, as he does not care very much for walking, and while he was in the boat with his man, a deer took to the water and swam very close. Dr. Dixon says that Mr. Arendell fired shot after shot at the deer but never touched it. Capt. F. Dilling of the party says that Mr. Arendell was within 20 feet of the deer when he shot. However the party contrived to bring back a deer, and had no end of fun.

State Entomologist Sherman is in New York attending the annual meeting of the American Association of Entomologists.

The corporation commission today took up the matter of investigating fully the wreck on the Seaboard Air Line which occurred two miles north of Raleigh on Christmas morning and which caused such a lot of damage and the loss of one life.

GREAT RAILWAY STRIKE.

Possibility of a Strike of Railroad Engineers and Trainmen Which Would Involve the Country.

A Chicago dispatch of yesterday pointed to "the possibility of serious trouble between 41 western railroads and their employees who have demanded a 15 per cent. increase in wages. Information which it is believed, is from an authentic source, comes to the Observer that the case is much worse than this. This information is that the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of the United States is urged in a purpose to make a concerted move the first of January or early in the month, upon the management of every railroad system in the country for an advance in wages. The country has been divided by them into four parts and this is what is called the southern division, embracing every system south of the Ohio river. There can be no contract with any single line operating in North Carolina, for instance, this is by way of illustration only—the same principle applying everywhere—with the Seaboard Air Line or the Atlantic Coast Line, but the contracts must embrace all.

It is the purpose of the engineers, if their demands are not granted, to strike and tie up traffic.

It is said that the orders of railway conductors and of railway firemen will follow the lead of the engineers and that all men engaged in the operation of trains will be involved.

The argument of the engineers is that while the cost of living has increased in the last ten years 33 to 50 per cent. their pay has not increased at all.

If the strike, the possibility of which is above suggested, should occur, it would be the greatest and farthest-reaching that the country has ever known.

The information above is as The Observer has been able to gather it.—Charlotte Observer.

WORKS TO SAVE HORSE.

Mr. Walter Turbill Open Temporary Hospital for Equine Quadruped.

One of the most interesting of the minor incidents at the scene of the wreck here is Mr. Walter Turbill's improvised horse hospital in the pine grove. The authorities told Mr. Turbill that if he would look after one of the injured horses lying on the ground and keep him from freezing to death, if the horse recovered it was his horse. This proposition he and his brother accepted. The horse is a young 1-2 year-old animal that the shipper, Mr. Heavner, valued highly. He was the last animal taken out of the pit of death, drawn out by ropes and beams, in a half-dead condition, so much so that he was one of the four that was reported as dead. But under care and feeding and rubbing and general veterinary service the horse continues to live, has been on his feet much of the time since, though he still prefers to "keep his bed" by lying out at length on his mattress of straw and with blankets over him. He drinks water and eats in this reclining position and, apparently, is taking kindly to his period of invalidism.—Davidson Special to Charlotte Observer.

Another Wreck on the S. A. L. Fast Train No. 84 Second Section Runs into a Freight at Peachland—Two Men Killed.

Seaboard northbound passenger train, running as second section of No. 84, was wrecked last night in a head-on collision with a freight train at Peachland.

It was reported here that Engineer Dave Maxwell and his fireman, of the passenger train were killed, but the railroad authorities here said they were not certain as to the accuracy of this report. They said, however, that the two men were certainly seriously hurt. It is believed here they were killed.

Engineer D. W. Steel of the freight was seriously hurt. No passengers were seriously injured.

The freight was doubling into the side track when the passenger train ran into the rear. The red light put out by the freight's flagman was given out and failed to warn the engineer of the oncoming passenger train.

The track was blocked and traffic was not resumed until this morning. The wreck occurred an hour or two before midnight.—News and Observer, Dec. 30th.

When Men Spelled Greatly.

Submerged as it was in the chorus of ridicule which the effort of one man to dictate the orthography of a country justly met, the promulgation of the "simplified spelling" held out to a large portion of the population a secretly happy hope. Among the things which have been left behind in the rush of new interests and more ambitious endeavors, that thoroughness in spelling which distinguished the fathers—who could spell at all—has been conspicuous. Education, becoming more general—becoming, if you will, more scientific and comprehensive—became at the same time less efficient in what was formerly and what would still be, were it not for the widespread inefficiency of the educated, the most important branch of learning. The old school house regarded spelling as the foundation; the new academy is too apt to slur it over as a non-essential. As a consequence, it is next to impossible to get the average person to commit himself viva voce on the spelling of a word; and a request as to whether the past tense carries double or single "t" is invariably met with jocular rebuff or pitiful trepidation. Where it was formerly an indication of a lack of culture to mis-spell a word, it is now an evidence of primness to make a point of writing it correctly.—News and Observer.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. H. H. H.

SOCIETY AT THE NATION'S CAPITAL

BY CATHERINE ALMAN.

Washington, December 24.—Washington laid aside affairs of state and formal social duties to enter genuinely into the Christmas festivities. There was no Christmas tree at the White House, but all the members of Mr. Roosevelt's family were present and gifts and greetings were exchanged in the president's private office, where the family assembled after an early breakfast. In the afternoon they went around to the home of Rear Admiral and Mrs. William S. Cowles, where the children found a Christmas tree awaiting them. Dinner was served in the state dining room for 19 persons, including Representative and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cowles, and Senator and Mrs. Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt left early Thursday morning for their little country place "Pine Knot," Virginia, where they will spend a few days of quiet and leisure, returning here in time for the New Year's reception.

The vice president and members of the cabinet spent Christmas day quietly with their families, and the British, Austrian, German, Brazilian, French, Mexican and Italian embassies all had Christmas trees. Mme. Quesada, wife of the Cuban minister, had a Christmas tree party for her children and their little friends of the diplomatic corps.

The wedding of Miss Hallie Erminie Rives, of Virginia, and Post Wheeler, the second secretary of the American embassy to Japan, will take place today at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Miss Rives is well known in Washington, where she spent two winters. She was entertained at the White House at a dinner and luncheon, and was a guest of Miss Helen Cannon, daughter of the speaker of the house, to whom she is related. The embassy at Tokio will be gorgeously decked after true Japanese fashion and the bridal couple will

stand upon a dais in the big bay window of the front drawing room under a canopy of American and Japanese flags festooned with colonial ivy. Mrs. Wright, wife of the American ambassador, will act as matron of honor, and the best man will be an old Japanese college mate of Mr. Wheeler's who was a student in this country and who now occupies a seat in the Japanese house of peers.

The bridal costume is the same gown which Miss Rives wore on the occasion of her presentation at the Court of St. James, and is built almost entirely of rose point lace, with a long court train garlanded with empire wreaths. Both bride and matron will carry white orchids. Mr. Wheeler and his bride expect to remain in Japan and it is said that Miss Rives intends to write a novel with scenes laid in the land of the Flowery Kingdom.

The return of Mrs. Martha Hichborn Blaine, the "heliopole belle" to Washington, after a six months' sojourn in South Dakota for the purpose of securing a divorce from "Jimmie" Blaine, has caused a ripple of excitement here, where Miss Hichborn was an acknowledged leader of her set and a reigning beauty in society.

The announcement of her marriage to Lieutenant Paul S. Pearsall, a Rough Rider and a wealthy New Yorker, will occasion no surprise as she herself has made no secret of it and the affair has been watched by those who know her to Mr. Blaine which took place in 1901, and regretted her unfortunate marriage. Rumor saith that Senator Depew was a devoted and a patient admirer of Miss Hichborn in those days, but her infatuation for young Blaine blinded her to all other suitors, and in spite of the protests of friends and relatives, she married him with the noble intention of working a reformation. The outcome of this matrimonial adventure was the trip to South Dakota some six months ago.

Miss Hichborn started the fad of having all her gowns made in some shade of purple, heliotrope or lavender with which she always wore violets.

A RECORD BREAKER.

December a Favorite Month for Getting Married.

December is not gone yet, but so far it has been a record-breaker in the issuance of marriage license. Up to last night the number for the month was 97, while fifteen were issued yesterday. The register of deeds is sure that he will go beyond the hundred mark by upwards of a good deal before he has to write 1907. By the way the register has been very accommodating. Expecting business of this nature he remained at his office or close by all day Christmas day and issued a few papers that enabled two persons to be made one.—Greensboro Record.

Another Big Criminal Docket for Durham.

Next Monday criminal court will convene here for one week. Judge Justice will visit Durham for his first time in his official capacity.

The judge and solicitor will find that Durham will have in waiting a large criminal court. There are now between 40 and 50 new cases on docket and it is expected that there will be a large number of other cases before the time comes for the convening of this court. It is more than probable that there will be from 60 to 70 new cases on docket.

In addition to the new cases there will be a large number of old cases that were sent over by the last term of court. These will swell the docket and the court will prove to be a large one. It is hardly probable that the docket can be disposed of in one week and as a result many of the cases will have to be continued. It will be impossible to try all that will be on the docket.—Durham Herald.

A LAWYER IN THE DOCK.

A Durham Negro Lawyer Bound to Court on Charge of Disposing of Mortgaged Property.

In Justice Owens court yesterday there was the unusual spectacle of a lawyer appearing in the court as a defendant. There are but few cases in which the face of the lawyer is not seen, but most of these cases he appears to intercede for some other person and not himself. Yesterday this lawyer appeared as the defendant and the charge was a criminal one.

W. P. Canada, colored, was the defendant in this case and he was charged with disposing of mortgaged property. The evidence against him was such that the court thought there was probable cause of guilt and he was sent to the next grand jury and the superior court under bond of \$25. This was readily given and the defendant is now at liberty.—Durham Herald.

MILLS SHUT DOWN.

Cannon Mills Nos. 2 and 3 at Concord Forced to Cease Operating by Scarcity of Coal.

On account of the scarcity of coal and the inability of the railroads to deliver the coal, the Cannon mills Nos. 2 and 3 and the Franklin mill were compelled to close down this afternoon at 3 o'clock. This, of course, means an indefinite period, and will necessarily throw many employes out of work for the time being.—Concord Special to Charlotte Observer.

Captain Bunch McBee had his troubles to be sure, but that decision by the supreme court was doubtless received by him as his vindication.—Raleigh Times.

RECEIVERS OUSTED.

Old Management of the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City Railroad Assume Control.

Mobile, Ala., December 31.—F. E. Dewey and J. L. Dantzer, who were recently appointed receivers of the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City railroad, were today ousted from possession of the property on an order issued from the chancery court.

The action superseding the action of December 26, was due to the fact that an application for an appeal was made in the case was fixed at \$100,000. The old management which was ousted on Wednesday night has again assumed charge of the property.

Those made parties to the bond are the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City Railroad Company, W. D. Stratton, Bird M. Robinson, Alexander McDonald, R. W. Jones, Jr., Charles Levy, E. E. Jackson, Julian W. Whiting, William H. McIntosh, Charles D. Willoughby, Thomas F. Whitley, Edmund K. Stalle, and the Alabama Securities Company, as principals and the American Bonding Company, of Baltimore, as surety.

The order ousting the receivers is signed by the majority of the bondholders of the road and approved by Carl Holzborn, register in chancery.

ARCHITECTS TO MEET.

North State Fire Insurance Company to Increase its Capital Stock.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., December 31.—Tomorrow morning the annual meeting of the North Carolina Association of Architects begins here and continues two days. Charles C. Hook, of Charlotte, is president and Franklin Borden of that place secretary. Thirty members will be present. Many drawings by noted architects will be on view, among them a number by Stanford White, who was murdered in New York, by Harry Thaw.

The insurance department authorizes increase of capital stock of the North State Fire Insurance Co. of Greensboro from \$100,000 to \$200,000, stock to be sold in such a way as to give a surplus of \$122,000 and to make total assets of the company over \$400,000. Ashley Horne, of Clayton, is president.

BLACKBURN'S ALLEGATIONS.

Governor Glenn Pronounces Every One of the Charges False—Dates Set for Two Executions.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., December 31.—Governor Glenn names February 8th as the day of execution of Frank Bohannon, at Greensboro for the murder of a section master on the Southern railway and of John Hodge at Durham, for the murder of his wife. He offers a reward for Pam Jones of Yancy county, wanted for shooting two men there, one his brother.

Governor Glenn's attention being called to the charges made by Congressman Spencer Blackburn in his notice of the case, he says "every one of the charges, so far as I am concerned, are absolutely and utterly false, and with out even a scintilla of foundation. Blackburn cannot produce even a suborned witness who will testify to a single fact there alleged. If the other allegations in his complaint here are equally as false, there was absolutely nothing in his contest."